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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-20 and add claims 21-22 without prejudice.

1. (Amended) The therapeutic or prophylactic device of claim 21 further comprising an elongated centralized vertical extension, said centralized vertical extension comprising a left and a right lateral extension along said centralized vertical extension's horizontal axis.

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